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ISU Convention Drags on OLSEN UNDER As Sailors Seek Return FIRE IN NEW Of Funds and AFL Local DEMO BATTLE

18 REACTIONARY DELEGATES DEFY ENTIRE I.S.U. MEMBERSHIP; SUP REPRESENTATIVES EJECTED

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—After a successful fight in Federal Court, the Sailors' Union of the Pacific will seek to effect the final release of their union funds, which have been tied up by a second restraining order granted to the reactionary I.S.U. executive board, by the State Superior Court.

The Sailors won the first battle when Federal Judge Roche dissolved an injunction which had been issued by the United States District Court.

Anticipating this defeat, Attorney Hutton representing the charter-jerking I.S.U. officials, succeeded in having the union's funds tied up through the Superior Court.

The hearing is set for Friday, Feb. 14th, at Judge Robinson's Court. Aaron Sapiro, who is handling the Sailors' fight to regain their funds and charter, will return from the East to conduct the defense.

CONVENTION STILL ON

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—With the United Mine Workers having come and gone, the International Seamen's Union convention still drags on into its fourth week, as the reactionary self-appointed delegates in full sway, deliberately forestall adjournment.

A resolution introduced by the entire West Coast delegation demanding the rescinding of the action in revoking the Sailors' Union of the Pacific charter, was not even considered by the vote-controlling majority.

V. Olander, incumbent International secretary-treasurer, demanded that the Sailors first rescind their actions in opening the books to former members of the dissolved Marine Workers' Industrial Union, before discussing any question of returning the charter.

DELEGATES OUSTED

The Sailors' Union of the Pacific delegates were ejected from (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

L. A. "VAGRANT" DRIVE FASCIST MOVE ON LABOR

MODOC COUNTY SHERIFF
BRANDS ACT CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE PLOT

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—The vicious aim of Police Chief Davis' drive against "vagrants" by sending scores of armed policemen to the borders of California, was discovered here late last week when he gave out orders to the remaining "peace officers" to institute a local campaign against "vagrants."

"Question all suspicious persons and hold for further investigation all who can not give good accounting of themselves," ordered Chief Davis, at the same time asking housewives to report all "bums" panhandling at kitchen doors.

Behind the blind of "saving" mythical local jobs for local workers, Davis thus exposed himself as the direct agent of the most reactionary capitalists and financiers of California, who are seeking to smash all workers' organizations.

The Public Works and Unemployed Union immediately saw this step as directed against the unemployed and transient workers and against their organization, the PWUU.

Revealing as to the motivating force behind Davis' attempted "putsch," was the statement of Sheriff John Sharp of Modoc County in refusing to depose the Los Angeles policemen.

"I refuse to run interference for the Los Angeles Chamber (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

LESSON SEEN IN RECENT STEAM- SCHOONER FIGHT

EDITORIAL STATEMENT

A dangerous issue has been removed from the sailors' fight to retain their charter, by the wise decision of the Sailors' Union to return to work on the steam-schooners and attempt to negotiate amendments to the award for the six-hour day and overtime pay. Any pretext or argument that the shipowners or the I.S.U. officials were trying to use in their attacks on the militant West Coast maritime unions has thus been removed.

OBSTINATE LEADERS
The sailors would have immensely strengthened their position and would have avoided friction and misunderstanding between them and the other maritime crafts, if they had taken this step sooner. But the leadership of the Sailors' Union obstinately refused to consider any such strategic organized retreat for several weeks, although the majority of the maritime unions were involved and jeopardized in the tie-up, such as the marine firemen, the marine cooks and stewards, and the longshoremen, and at least two District Councils of the Maritime Federation had asked that steps be taken to settle the steam-schooner question before involved the whole Federation in a major struggle.

OPPOSE REFERENDUM
Even in the Sailors' Union, branches in several ports had gone on record to refer the question to a referendum vote of the sailors, but the leadership of the headquarters' branch in San Francisco opposed this proposal and convinced the majority of the membership to oppose it. We do not know on what grounds the leadership of a rank and file union could oppose a referendum vote of the membership on any question, unless they feared that their policy would be defeated. We are convinced that a referendum vote of the sailors a month ago would have referred the question to the Federation for settlement, and would have placed the sailors in a stronger position today to fight for negotiations to amend the award.

MUST PRESERVE UNITY
After disregarding the advice and sentiment of the maritime (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

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M'ADOO IN SCRAMBLE TO
GAIN CONTROL OF
PARTY

Sell-Out Hinted

MILITANT EPICS BATTLE
AGAINST REACTIONARY
POLITICAL MACHINE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6.—Scrambling for control of the Democratic Party in California, Senator W. G. McAdoo this week filed a petition for quo warranto proceedings to remove State Senator Culbert L. Olsen, Epic, from office on the ground that Olsen has accepted a Federal appointment.

Leader of the most reactionary forces in the Democratic Party, and just recognized by President Roosevelt as his representative in the Democratic primaries, McAdoo had the petition filed through his law partner "stooge," William H. Neblett.

Basis for the proceedings was "the information and belief that on or about November 5, 1935, Olsen was appointed by the United States Government, Department of Justice, a special assistant of the Attorney General of the United States, a lucrative office by which Culbert L. Olsen is to receive as pay, salary or compensation at the rate of \$10,000 or more each year from the Gov- (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

N.L.R.B. DECISION DEFIED BY EAST BAY PACKING CO.

WAGNER BILL DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL

OAKLAND, Feb. 8.—The constitutionality of the Wagner Act and the National Labor Relations Board which functions under it was attacked by the Santa Cruz Packing Company, in a suit filed in Federal Court, following a decision of the Board handed down in favor of the Warehousemen's Union, ILA Local 3844. The Company maintains its business is entirely intra-state and therefore not under the jurisdiction of the Wagner Act.

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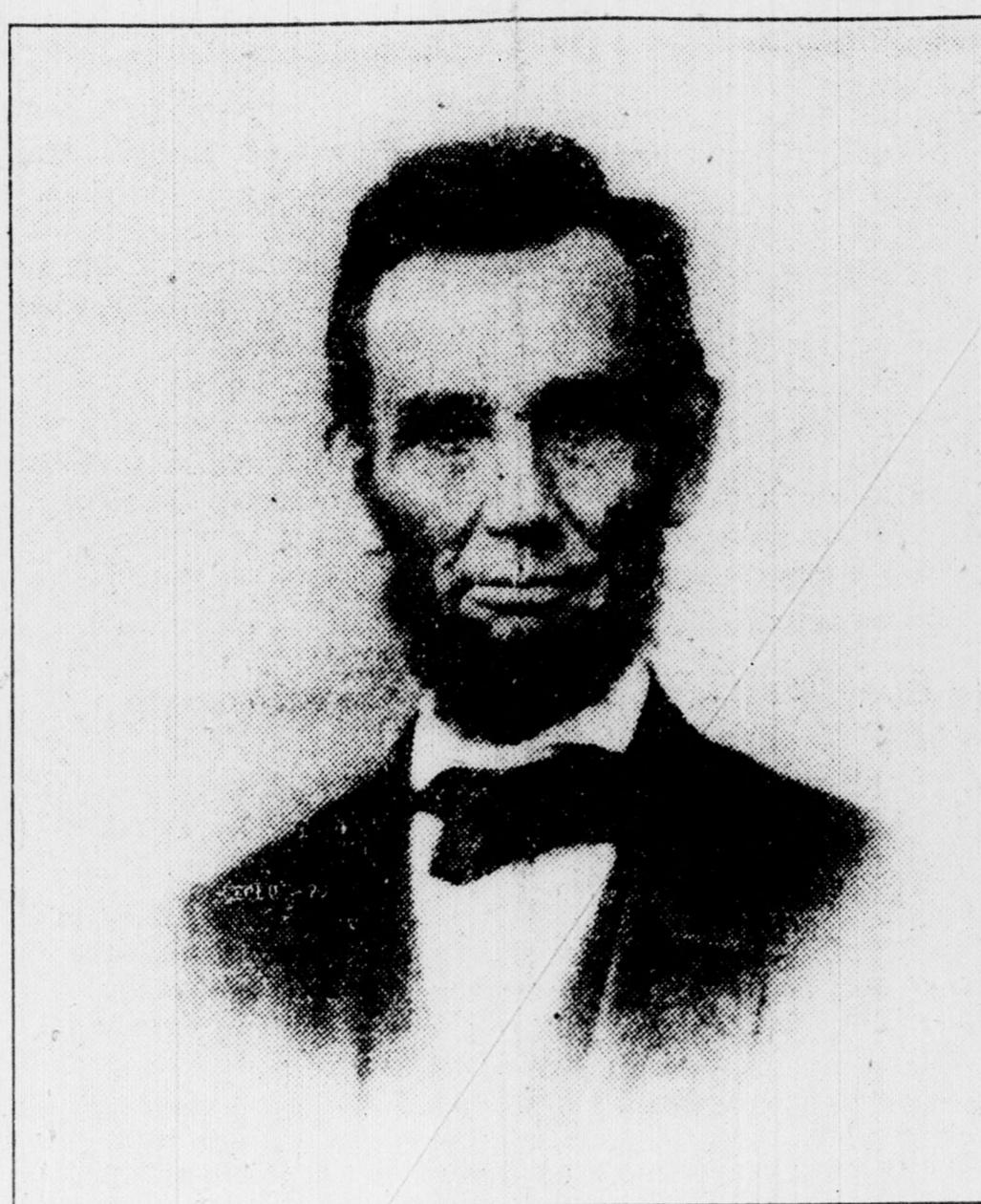
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To Make Men Free



WPA OFFICE 'UNAWARE' OF L. A. HUNGER

STARVATION EXISTS AS
RELIEF AUTHORITIES
APPEAR IN DARK

PWUU Is Active

17-YEAR-OLD GIRL DIES
AS RESULT OF LACRA
NEGLIGENCE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—While relief administration flunkies said they "didn't know of any" cases of starvation in Los Angeles County, a Mexican family of 13 almost died of starvation here this week, and death of a 17-year-old girl from starvation was discovered.

Mary Weistein, age 17, suffering from infantile paralysis, died on January 26th from starvation primarily and lack of medical attention.

Joe Palacio, Mexican worker of 144 West 14th street, his wife and a family of 11 children, ranging from 14 months to 19 years, were slowly starving to death on the "security" wages of \$55 per month provided by the benevolent Roosevelt administration.

Sick and unable to work, Palacio was forced to allow his oldest son, 19, to support the family on a WPA work order.

For transportation the boy paid \$8; for rent, \$10; gas, \$3.50; lights, \$3.50; water, \$2; two quarts of milk each day for the younger children, \$5.60 monthly—totaling \$32.60.

Six cents per day per person remained for food!

PWUU GETS RESULTS

Refusing to accept the old familiar "run-around," a militant grievance committee of the Public Works and Unemployed Union (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

PWUU ORGANIZER "CONVICTED" BY G-MEN AND RATS

NEGRO WORKER IS GIVEN
90-DAY SENTENCE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—After a "fair trial" at which "G-men" were in constant attendance, Walter Martin, militant Negro worker and organizer for the Public Works and Unemployed Union, was convicted of "assault and battery" here this week and sentenced to 90 days in the infamous Lincoln Heights jail.

Martin was charged with the "crime" of refusing to be transferred to a United States Engineering Department project and of daring to defend himself against the attack of a WPA stool pigeon. "Testimony" of known stool pigeons was the basis for the conviction of this militant worker.

The USED projects are officered by United States Army officers, who continually remind the men that "you're in the army now."

The case is being appealed by the International Labor Defense. (Continued on Page 2)

Abraham Lincoln HIS IDEALS BETRAYED BY MODERN AMERICA

The name of Abraham Lincoln is cherished in the American mind as a poor boy who lived to become President of the United States. Born in a rude log cabin, he split rails to fence in newly cultivated fields; he educated himself by the light of the hearth and rose to the highest position in the land.

He guided America through a crucial period of civil war and achieved the emancipation of the Negro people from the chains of slavery. Lastly, he died a martyr, shot down by an erratic assassin at the peak of his career.

THE LEGEND

The American schools have held him up as a symbol of the equal opportunities for all which are embodied in the ideals of Americanism. His rise from obscurity to fame is impressed upon every small boy as identical to his own possibilities in life. The abolition of slavery is commemorated as the triumph of democratic civilization over every barbarism of the past.

THE ESSENTIAL FACTS

The essential facts of this story are as true as the morals they are used to illustrate are false.

THE TRUTH

Lincoln was great. But his greatness was deeper and more practical than the illusions of perfection and justice which his life story has been distorted to convey. And by his own words he never shared the hypocritical sentimentalism which has been heaped on his tomb. He looked upon life with realistic sincerity, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

National Negro Congress Convenes On Anniversary of Douglass' Death

By Ted Spates.

On the anniversary of Frederick Douglass, February 14th, the National Negro Congress will convene in Chicago to work out a plan of action which will set into motion the millions of oppressed Negro people, and all who are sympathetic to the struggles of the Negro masses, into a mighty united drive for national liberation.

It is not accidental that the congress will take place on the anniversary of Frederick Douglass, for the call to the congress rings out with the same spirit of militancy and indomitable courage that characterizes that heroic Negro leader and fighter, the Socialist Party. The Central Committee of the Communist Party, and "The National Urban League."

Along with these delegates will be representatives direct from the International Brotherhood of Sleepers. (Continued on Page 4)

SPECIAL LINCOLN EDITION

Check-up Shows That The Italian Forces Are Suffering Bad Defeats

CONGRESSIONAL BILL PROPOSES ALL TIME HIGH FOR U. S. WAR PREPARATIONS

Conservative analysis of Mussolini's invasion of Africa reveals that after four months' battering away with the most up-to-date armaments, he has been unable to do more than singe the border of Ethiopia.

Territory now held by the Italian legions was acquired by a virtually unopposed march and consists of regions which the Ethiopians made no effort to defend, conserving their strength for a determined stand at strategic points farther inland.

DRIVEN BACK

Recent major battles have forced the Italian army to withdraw from at least one third of all the territory they have occupied to date. The Northern legions have not yet penetrated as far as the disastrous invasion of 1896.

Ethiopia covers an area about twice the size of California and has approximately twice the population. Estimating the struggle on this scale, the Duce's forces would not have penetrated beyond San Diego in the South, and would not yet have reached Eureka in the North.

EXPANSION MYTH

Italy covers territory considerably smaller than California and has a population eight times as large. Pressure of population and need for expansion are discredited as Italian excuses for the invasion since she has made no particular effort to export excess population to her present foreign possessions which are enormous. The area of Italy is 119,744 square miles. The population is 41,168,000.

The area of her total colonies (Continued on Page 2)

LABOR COUNCIL MAPS PLANS IN MOONEY BATTLE

HEARINGS BEGIN ANEW AS PROSECUTION OPENS CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—With delegates present from every union affiliated to the local Central Labor Council in attendance, plans were made at the Labor Temple here last night to organize and promote nation-wide trade union assistance in the fight to win freedom for Tom Mooney.

A permanent committee was set up and it was voted to send letters to every central labor body in the United States asking that a local Mooney Defense Committee be set up and that funds be raised to aid in carrying on the long fight to free the world's most famous class war prisoner.

Sunday night's meeting represents the first official efforts made in more than 20 years to broaden and solidify the Mooney fight among the masses of organized workers

MAKE LINCOLN'S PRINCIPLES REALITY, INSTEAD OF MYTHS

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conscious of the imperfections of his day and of the great struggles to come.

The small boy of America, impressed and inspired by the public school version of Lincoln, encountered material for thought as he grew up in the world. He believed in the ideals of Lincoln and cherished the Americanism for which they stood.

FACING REALITY

But all about him, in homes, restaurants, parks, wherever people talked, he heard:

"Of course, you can't believe what you read in the newspapers. They're controlled by the rich."

"You can't get a job there unless you've got a pull."

"Why didn't he slip the judge a twenty dollar bill and get the case dismissed?"

"Oh, they wouldn't do nothin' to him. He's got too much dough."

"You got to pull strings in this world to get along, brother."

"You gotta know the right people."

"The government? Don't make me laugh. Why it's a lotta graft. The big boys in Wall Street have got it right in the palm of their hand."

"Business is business. If you don't take the suckers, the next guy will."

A NATION IN DECAY

And the small boy's heart went cold with anger within him. He saw that there were men in jail who were innocent, and

everybody knew it. Yet in jail they stayed. Tom Mooney!

He saw that there were crooked men abroad in the world. Yet no one jailed them. Too much dough. Too much drag.

He saw Jim-Crow street cars and restaurants in the South, Negroes lynched, spat upon, cheated.

He saw millions of underpaid, hungry clerks clinging to stools with the fear of God in their hearts that they might lose their jobs.

He saw men in overalls sweating all day long and unable to meet their bills. He saw men in elegant haberdashery riding around in shiny limousines. They never worked. They had made deals.

And the small boy that is America grew to manhood to see a world War which everyone all around him knew was a lot of millionaire graft. He saw the great depression with millions jobless and hungry and every man who raised his voice against "the system" clubbed down by the police and called a Communist.

IS THIS AMERICANISM?

And the man that is America faces today a world of graft, hunger, unemployment, decay, special privilege, injustice, cruelty, and turmoil; and he asks himself: Is this the world of democracy and freedom for which Lincoln gave his life? Is this the world where all races are on an equal footing, where there is justice for all and where the virtuous and industrious rise like rockets to fame? Is this Americanism?

The ideals of Lincoln are still firm in his head. And the corrupt powers that be know this. The Hearst press and every other dirty rag of special privilege touts the name Lincoln, dis-

torts his greatness and shouts in the name of Americanism for the violent suppression of Communists and the suppression of unions.

LINCOLN FORESAW

Lincoln was a great man, and not a fool. He knew the dangers inherent in America and called out in a firm, revolutionary voice against them. He said:

"This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it."

"In my present position I could scarcely be justified were I to omit raising a warning voice against this approach of returning despotism."

WARNED OF POLITICIANS

He was not deceived as to the nature of his associates nor the potential decay of American freedom:

"Politicians are a set of men who have interests aside from the interests of the people and who, to say the most of them, are taken as a mass, at least one long step removed from honest men."

Lincoln was no mouth of a fictitious state of justice. He saw the achievement of a just society as a long task ahead. He knew that when the Civil War had freed the Negroes on paper, this was no complete victory, but only a preliminary step toward freeing them in reality.

He saw the dangers for America, not in the corruption of

otherwise perfect institutions which needed only an honest hand to guide them successfully, but in the structure of society itself.

TWO LINCOLNS

Today there are two Lincolns. There is the phantom Lincoln of Hearst and the Liberty League, the pasteboard idol of profit and privilege—the counterfeit Lincoln of exalted ideas flung in the face of a degenerate reality.

And there is the real Lincoln—the Lincoln who will go down in history side by side with such figures as Karl Marx, Thomas Jefferson, V. I. Lenin, Thomas Paine and every other voice that cried out for the achievement of a decent society.

Lincoln cried out for the liberation of an oppressed race and the institution of democracy. And America answered him, "We're coming, father Abraham, a hundred thousand strong."

That was the answer in 1863. What is the answer today?

GREAT NEED THAN EVER

Not only does the Negro race remain unliberated, but the whites, side by side with them, are sweating in chains of economic slavery as cruel in their own way as the chains of early American plantations. America has degenerated into a sink of special privilege, graft and exploitation. And democracy has become the dirty dish rag of Hearst, Morgan, Ford, DuPont and the Liberty League.

What is the answer of America to that same call today?

If Lincoln were alive, his advice would be brief: "Join the Communist Party and make America fit to be proud of—make American reality measure up to American ideals."

East Coast Sailors Blast Self-Appointed Convention Delegates

Resolution of New York Branch Demands Resignation of Reactionary Officials

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Reactionary I.S.U. officials were scored in their own immediate territory for revocation of the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, when the New York branch of the Eastern and Gulf Sailors' Union adopted the following resolution:

PWUU Frustrates Brutal Eviction Of Sick Family

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE SECURES NEW HOME FOR VICTIMS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—Eviction of a Negro WPA worker and his family was halted here yesterday by a grievance committee of the Public Works and Unemployed Union.

"We call upon these self-elected delegates to live up to the instructions of the membership which instructed them to fight for a National Maritime Federation, unity with our West Coast brothers and a national uniform agreement.

"We repudiate the action and voices of these self-appointed delegates and hereby go on record repudiating the International Seamen's Union for its action in revoking the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific.

"By their actions and voices at the national convention we hereby declare these East Coast, self-appointed delegates have forfeited the confidence of the entire membership and we call upon them to hand in their resignations."

Copies of the resolution were sent to the convention, to President Roosevelt, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, to William Green and John L. Lewis.

ITALIAN SEAMEN DESERT IN U.S.A.

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is 871,416 square miles with a population of 2157,416.

U. S. WAR PLANS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—A war preparations bill which sets an all-time high for appropriations during peace was submitted to Congress today with a favorable committee report. The bill calls for expenditures totalling \$543,341,000 during the 1937 fiscal year. This exceeds last year's figure of \$120,444,000.

The attitude of Japan in seeking domination over China and thus threatening American financial interests was cited by Congressmen as the most urgent reason for increasing the American war machine.

Indications so far point to early passage of the bill.

SEAMEN DESERTING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Reports of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service show wholesale desertions of Italian seamen from ships calling at American ports. A total of 1212 deserted during 1935, the vast majority of them after the African invasion began. Seamen who were seized declared they hoped to evade being drafted and shipped to the Ethiopian front.

What have you done to make the discussion at the coming Party convention reflect your problems?

MASS HUNGER STALKS L. A. WPA WORKERS

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ion forced the officials in charge of District 13 DPO, 1372 West Washington Boulevard, to send a physician to Palacio's home.

When Dr. Ray Watts arrived, the committee told him the family's chief need was food; Dr. Watts prescribed a 4-ounce bottle of milk of bismuth for two little girls who were in bed with a starvation fever!

Watts would not so much as examine the father, who was also confined to his bed with vomiting spells, and he refused to comment when asked if he thought condition of the children was due to lack of food. The prescription was on a drug store so distant that a child had to spend earfare to get there.

INCREASED RATES

The following day, the PWUU committee held a 3-hour "discussion" with the relief bureaucrats, and finally forced them to reopen the case, placing the Palacio family on direct relief at the monthly rate of \$98!

Promises of a grocery order, clothing and bedding were also obtained by this militant committee in one of its hardest-fought cases in months.

Mary Weistein died in General GIRL STARVES TO DEATH Hospital on January 26 purely from the criminal negligence of LACRA officials, and was buried by the Cheva Chese Shet Linch (Jew's Free Burial Society).

Receiving a work order on WPA, Jan. 14th, Ben Weistein, father of the girl, was entitled to relief until he received a full pay check, but LACRA authorities paid no attention to the entreaties of Mrs. Weistein, who called time and again explaining that her family was existing on a bread and water diet.

Mrs. Weistein protested franticly that her daughter, lying home alone with infantile paralysis, was near death, but the bureaucrats refused to listen to her.

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Meanwhile, Epic Councilman Parker Christensen was preparing to raise again the demand that the City Council force Chief Davis to show by what legal authority he dispatched the police officers beyond the city limits.

NEED FRANK DISCUSSION

The Communist Party and the Western Worker believe that a frank discussion and honest acknowledgment of mistakes is the only way that a rank and file union can keep the confidence of the workers and win the support it needs in its struggle against the employers. This is the only way to avoid future mistakes. This is the only way that the sailors can win the support of the whole organized labor movement to retain its charter, defeat the Olander-Scharrenberg clique, and the union-wrecking plans of the shipowners.

END FRANK DISCUSSION

The convention hall following the adoption of a resolution to that effect, which was introduced by S. Vanderstuy, agent of the Baltimore branch and a part of the shipowner-controlled element who are the great majority.

Clyde Deal, reactionary leader of the Ferryboatmen's Union of the Pacific is resorting to a bit of demagogic, by voting the rank and file program all the way through. Deal's move is an attempt to disunite the West Coast rank and file, but is exposed by leaders who shrewdly point out that the reactionary machine in control of the convention has plenty of votes to spare and Deal could hardly dare to come back and face his own union if he voted against the West Coast maritime unions.

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SEATTLE COMMUNIST IN RACE FOR CITY COUNCILMAN POST

Wakefield, Editor of Voice of Action Seeks Office

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 5.—Lowell Wakefield, leading Seattle Communist and editor of the Voice of Action, is winning wide support in his campaign for city councilman, on a platform emphasizing the fight for civil rights and against any cuts in necessary services given by the city.

With city government in the control of a reactionary mayor and a council dominated by the "Order of Cincinnati," whose program is cutting of wages and social and library services, these two issues will play a prominent part in the city elections.

PARTY STAND

Wakefield has endorsed the position of the Communist Party in the campaign, as announced in an Open Letter which calls for 1) Civil rights; freedom of speech and assembly; 2) Disband the vigilantes, abolish the Red Squad; 3) Unionization; 4) Right to strike and picket; 5) Jobs at union pay, public works, reopening of factories; 6) No economies at expense of social services; 7) Free light and water for the unemployed; and 8) Increase taxation of rich and corporations, against the sales tax.

SOCIALISTS

Wakefield is the only candidate supporting this program in full, although all progressive forces in the city are giving their support.

Two Departments In Row Over U.S. Mail Subsidies

SHIPOWNERS' MAIL PLUM TO BE CAMOUFLAGED UNDER NEW BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Shipowners are enjoying the advantage of what seems to be a "difference of policy" between the Postal Department and the Department of Commerce relative to proposed revisions of a new measure to replace the existing ocean mail contracts.

The measure is the Copeland Bill. If the bill is accepted American shipping companies would receive direct governmental subsidies to compensate them for the differences in American and foreign costs of building and operating vessels. Mail would be carried under postage rates instead of the present mileage system.

Under the present system, companies are reaping as much as \$12,000 for carrying a single sack of mail from Seattle to Yokohama. Shipowners receive \$30,000 a year under their present contracts.

The President's authority to cancel these fat "bonuses" expires March 31st. The dispute is the length of time the proposed new maritime authority should be given to reach settlements with the shipowners on their present contracts, be-

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ARMY AND NAVY SCAB ON MOVIE ACTORS' GUILD

GOV'T PLANES AND FUEL USED IN PRO-WAR PICTURES

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—Federal employees are scabbing in Hollywood with the express permission of U. S. Government officials; it was charged here last night by a delegate from the Screen Actors' Guild to the Central Labor Council.

Army and Navy airplanes are also being used in motion pictures for the benefit of the studios, without cost to the latter, the delegate also stated.

"Columbia studio ruined five United States airplanes in one picture and didn't have to pay for the wreckage," he said.

The use of the National Guard to scab on members of the Guild in Hollywood films was previously exposed by this delegate to the Central Labor Council, who stated last night that immediately following this first expose, his union received a telegram from Victor McLaglen, star of the film "Sons of Guns," that he would see to it personally that the hiring of scabs stopped.

Government planes are being flown by government employees, and are burning federal gasoline, it was charged. The fliers are being paid by the government, although they may be receiving secondary pay from the studios.

By discovery of this policy of the U. S. Government, is uncovered the motivating force behind the recent epidemic of films glorifying war, with particular attention to the U. S. Army and Navy. The reactionary forces behind the government are thus attempting to pave the way for complete militarization of the American people, as part of the drive toward fascism and war.

To Tom Smith for mayor and Prof. Bert Farquharson and Rev. W. W. Withington for the school board.

The local Socialist Party, under "Old Guard" leadership, has refused all offers of joint action either with the Communist Party or with the progressive bloc, and has filed a full slate of its own. A strong opposition to this policy is developing among the Socialists.

Taxes Trimmed On Al Smith's Big Building

NEW YORK.—The Empire State building, tallest in the world, is depreciating in value, the board of taxes and assessments decided today.

It lopped a half million dollars from the building's valuation, and placed it at a mere \$28,000,000.

Building manager Alfred E. Smith, who once had a job as Governor of New York requested the reduction.

The reduction will mean a saving of \$14,000 in taxes for the building manager.

Mr. Smith told the tax commissioners that most of the floors between the fortieth and eighty-sixth floors have never been occupied.

fore coming under the new system of direct subsidies.

The Copeland Bill, which has the backing of the Department of Commerce would allow the operators one year. The Post Office Department would cut this to 90 days and limit jurisdiction of suits by shipowners to recover damages in the event they were dissatisfied with the maritime authorities' adjustment.

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Meanwhile the shipowners holding contracts are delaying the building of new ships until they know what the arrangement will be.

The new ship construction is being urged to bolster the naval auxiliary in wartime—war means profits for Wall Street.

MILITANT YOUTH ORGANIZATION

STATEMENT OF THE YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE

ANSWERS HEARST'S FILTHY LIES

Hearst found his forgery factory running dry. He decided to send into the Young Communist League a young girl to act as a stool pigeon.

She is trying to convince the San Francisco Examiner readers that the Young Communist League is a "Hate-America," a "Free-love," and a "Hate-God" youth organization.

"The love of free love is frequently used . . ." You can tell a Communist by the way he smells."

These are obviously the attacks of a moral degenerate. They are not worth answering.

But the Young Communist League takes this opportunity to present to San Francisco, especially to the youth, our past activity and militant program.

The Young Communist League stands ready to support and lead any struggle which will result in better conditions for American youth.

Our most important fight is against war and Fascism and the support of any group which re-

lizes these threats.

We fight for relief for those youth who are yearly completing their education only to find increased unemployment, for those youth, the homeless, the wandering ones with despair in their hearts who go from town to city, from city to town looking for honest, self-respecting labor.

We aided the Maritime Federation in its struggle for a living wage, and are fighting shoulder to shoulder with youth of the International Seamen's Union against the cowardly attack of the shipowners and Hearst who are trying to revoke a legal A. F. of L. Union charter.

Not because we are America haters, but because we love America are we fighting for this program.

We call every youth, therefore, to attend our next meeting, which will be held at 121 Haight st. next Friday, Feb. 14, at 8 p. m.

Join the Young Communist League, the organization for militant youth.

15 organizations were repre-

sentated by 35 official delegates. Seventy other un-official dele-

TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS ARE IMPORTANT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—The State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles is in session this week at San Quentin penitentiary. On the arbitrary will of this board of three members depends whether the eight Criminal Syndicalism prisoners will be released by February 27th or forced to continue their imprisonment.

Letters from individuals and organizations must be sent immediately to be effective in urging the release of these working class leaders. These should be addressed to the board, care of Mark E. Noon, secretary, San Quentin, Calif.

The eight prisoners, Pat Chambers, No. 5759; Caroline Decker, No. 5761; Martin Wilson, No. 5759; Nora Conklin, No. 5761; Albert Houghard, No. 5759; Jack Crane, No. 5760; Lorene Norman, No. 5761; and Norman Mini, No. 5760, were sentenced to one to fourteen years in the penitentiary after the infamous Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism trial last year. The exact length of time to be served is not determined by any regulation but is left entirely to the discretion of the Parole Board.

EAST BAY

OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 10.—The East Bay Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act met here yesterday and agreed upon a practical plan of action to mobilize public opinion to demand freedom for the C. S. prisoners and repeal of the law.

Fifteen organizations were repre-

sentated by 35 official delegates. Seventy other un-official dele-

SHAW CURDLES MACFADDEN'S BUTTERMILK

Newspapers and the March of Time both gleefully reported Bernard Shaw's buttermilk battle with Bernard MacFadden the other day.

But what all of them left out of their reports was the really interesting part of what Shaw said to MacFadden.

"Communism is the most interesting experiment in the world today," ran the excited comment. But Shaw also declared:

"It would do this country good if they would import a few Russian commissioners for a few months and let them run things. If Stalin should come to this country for six months, he would do it good."

Also left out of the reports was Shaw's comment that "For an amateur, Roosevelt isn't such a bad president, but he doesn't know economics."

RISKS LIFE TO SAVE BABY FROM SPIDER'S BITE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—Two months ago he was a hero; today he was out of a job, penniless, and fearful that his future career may be cut off.

Under the capitalist scheme of things, the very act of bravery which made Lewis Wayland, 24, a hero, has cost him his job.

A medical assistant at a local hospital, Wayland risked his life two months ago and captured a black widow spider, barehanded, as the venomous insect was about to bite a baby girl patient in the hospital. He himself was bitten by the spider.

Shortly after he recovered from the poisonous bite, Wayland was fired because of disapproval of hospital authorities for publicity resulting from his courageous act.

He came to California last July, following graduation from Duke University, and was earning his way through the University of Southern California by assisting at the hospital.

eratic methods they have in mind, they can make no such decisions until their membership is more complete. Observers feel, however, that affiliation at least with the Actors and Writers' Guilds will take place in the very near future. Producers, meantime, will ignore the guild until it officially demands recognition.

When the decision comes out,

WHAT HOPE FOR MOONEY'S WRIT?

Rejection By Reactionary Judges Is Predicted

By Bill Creighton.

The California Supreme Court is again pregnant with the Tom Mooney case. After the appropriate number of months of labor it is predicted it will, as heretofore, bring forth a mouse.

This forecast of the outcome of the Mooney application for a writ of habeas corpus is based on action by the court five and a half years ago in the famous Billings hearing. It will be recalled that on the first Billings application for a pardon, the court voted a denial, with Judge Langdon dissenting. A query by Judge Preston regarding the "recanting" testimony of John MacDonald brought on a special hearing, at which the entire case was gone into at great length.

Billings, at the conclusion of this hearing, renewed his pardon application—and was again denied by a vote of six to one, Judge Langdon again being the lone holdout for justice.

TRADITIONAL SMUGNESS

This indicates that the hearing of all the available testimony regarding the Preparedness Day parade tragedy did nothing to change the minds of any of the judges on the court.

What reason, then, is there to expect any change of heart on the part of the court at this time?

There are two possible answers to this question. First, changes in the personnel of the court in the interim; second, the possible effect on the court of the blast delivered against Mooney's treatment at the hands of California by the Supreme Court of the United States.

NOT LIKELY

These answers still remain possibilities, but they are dubious for these reasons:

1. The two replacements in the court since the Billings hearing and final decision are judges of the most reactionary stripe, whose influence on the court tends to make it more damning toward labor than before.

2. The court has very definitely indicated its present attitude, not only toward the prisoner, but toward the cattlemen it indirectly received from the United States Supreme Court, by deliberately straining the law to keep Mooney out of its own courtroom and the actual testimony from the ears of its own justices.

The court in high-handed fashion successfully resisted all efforts of Mooney's counsel to bring him into court to be present at the preliminaries of his habeas corpus plea.

EVASION

Then on to the Supreme Court of the United States and liberty for Mooney, victory for labor, and a sound spanking for California's fascist jurisprudence.

ASK NEW FUNDS FOR SILICOSIS INVESTIGATION

CHARGE INHUMAN NEGLECT OF WORKERS LIVES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The House Labor Committee investigating silicosis deaths has asked for funds to complete its inquiry. Meanwhile representative Vito Marcantonio pressed for a similar inquiry into working conditions in all similar tunneling operations in the United States.

In addition to a new appropriation, the Committee, through its chairman, Representative Griswold, asked authority to compel officials of Rinhardt and Dennis Company of Charlottesville, Virginia, the tunnel builder, to appear before the investigating committee.

P. H. Faulconer, president, and E. J. Perkins, vice president of Rinhardt Dennis Company have declined to appear before the subcommittee.

The sub-committee charged the builder of Hawk's Nest tunnel, in Southern West Virginia, with "grave and inhuman disregard" of the lives of workmen.

500 DEAD

The report drawn up by Representative Griswold charged that "The whole driving of the tunnel was begun, continued, and completed with grave and inhuman disregard of all consideration for the health, lives, and future of the employees," and that in addition to those who have died of the lung disease, many others who breathed the silica dust are dying.

Nearly 500 were reported dead from silicosis, and 1,500 others dying as a result of breathing the dust caused by drilling through silica rock. Safety equipment was not given the workers.

ASK NEW FUNDS

Conditions prevailing during the tunnel construction in 1931 and 1932 resembled "a tragedy of the middle ages, hardly conceivable in a democratic government in the present century," the subcommittee declared.

John Pelletier to Run for Congress

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5.—Author of the State Social Insurance Bill, A. B. 791, John Pelletier, Epic Assemblyman, has announced his candidacy for the United States Congress, and will oppose Congressman Tom Ford for a seat.

The State Social Insurance Bill is comparable to the Frazier-Landin Bill for Social Insurance which has been introduced in the current session of Congress.

Morgan Worries About Civilization

MUNITIONS COMMITTEE WORRIED

Nobody Worries About J. P. Morgan

By BOB HOLLIDAY

The wizard of finance slipped a cog. J. P. Morgan, that lovable old cynic, has finally spilled the beans. The portly, pipe-smoking banker felt lonely yesterday and "didn't want to miss the party." So he came and sat in at a private meeting of the Senate Munitions Committee, not to doze off this time, but to deliver salty comments on life.

"If you destroy the leisure class, you destroy civilization," opined Mr. Morgan.

The Senate Munitions Committee finally climbed back up on the chairs as J. P. let go with the next one.

"In the event of another major conflict," the old gentleman quavered, "the United States will have the choice of participating and underwriting it, as it did in the World War, or of remaining completely neutral. But," he rumbled, "you may not be able to stay out of it."

The Senate Munitions Committee promptly crawled under the table and refused to merge until the old guy had finished.

Organizations not yet affiliated are urged to communicate with the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights, Third Floor, American Bank Building, Second and Spring streets, Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—An enormous mass meeting is called here for February 28th to demand repeal of

Why Marx Led European Workers in Support of Lincoln's Policies

EMANCIPATOR CONGRATULATED ON RE-ELECTION IN LETTER FROM 1ST INTERNATIONAL

The historically progressive character of the Civil War was emphasized by Marx and Engels, founders of the revolutionary movement, from the very beginning. The war to destroy chattel slavery, which was hampering the development of industrial capitalism and thus of the American labor movement, paved the way for the next progressive step in historical development—the abolition of wage slavery. Marx sums up this meaning of the Civil War in the first volume of Capital.

"In the United States of America, any sort of independent labor movement was paralyzed so long as slavery distinguished a part of the republic. Labor with a white skin cannot emancipate itself where labor with a black skin is branded. But out of the death of slavery a new and vigorous life sprang. The first fruit of the Civil War was an agitation for the 8-hour day—a movement which ran with express speed from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from New England to California."

Marx actively participated in the campaign against the plan of English capitalism to enter the Civil War on the side of the South. He not only wrote consistently in the European press exposing this as a reactionary and not progressive step, but also with the support of the militant leaders of the English labor movement organized a huge mass meeting against it. The powerful movement of sympathy for the North, among the English workers so clearly expressed in a tremendous labor rally at the St. James Hall in London actually compelled the British ruling class to change its threat of siding with the South.

WROTE TO LINCOLN

It is this recognition of the role of the North as the bearer of the progressive movement of that period, containing therefore the germ of the future social revolution, that we see so abundantly expressed in the historic letter which Marx wrote to Lincoln in the name of the International Workingmen's Association (the First International) at the time of Lincoln's reelection to the Presidency.

Letter To Lincoln

"To Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States of America.

"Sir:—We congratulate the American People upon your reelection by a large majority. If resistance to the Slave Power

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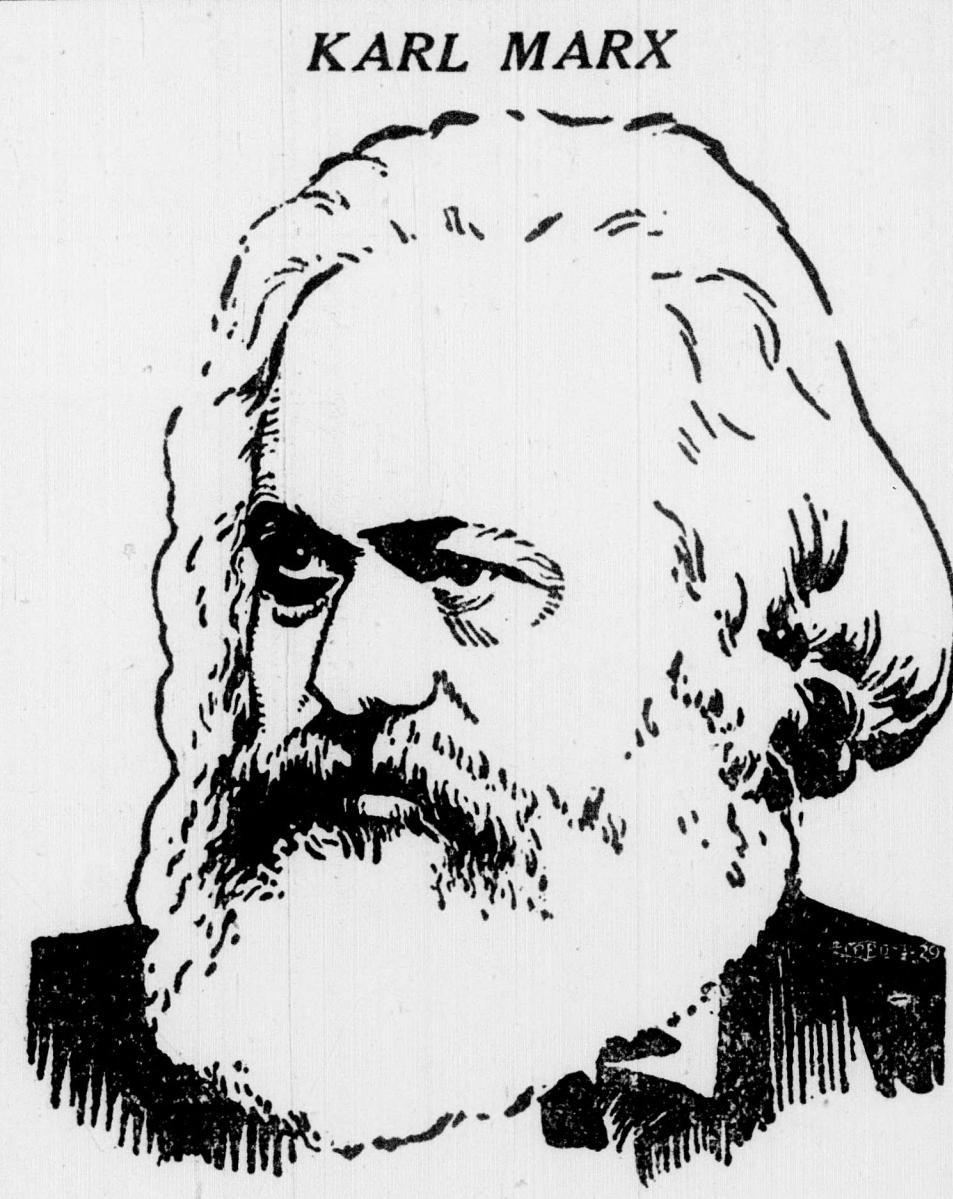
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civil war.

"The workingmen of Europe
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Although the dialogue in "Crime and Punishment" is in French the film has ample English titles to make this story by Dostoevsky easily understood by any audience.

Through Garrison agencies in most sections of the United States taking picture equipment and operators at available at rates within reach of organizations.

Workers Protest

'Jim Crowism' in Sports Groups

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—The boondoggling renaissance of art launched here under WPA-Sunday Drain, a WPA project, by means of segregated baseball teams, was batted clear out of the lot by the workers on the project several weeks ago.

The supervisors of the project proposed that baseball teams be organized among the workers along racial lines—a white team, a Negro team, a Mexican team, etc.

Correctly seeing this proposition as an attempt to divide the workers and to introduce segregation in the work on the job, Public Works and Unemployed Union men organized resistance to the proposal, with the result that the project supervisors have forgotten all their plans to go in for baseball.

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15. Seeds of Tomorrow—Sholokhov (\$2.50), \$1.25.
16. Chinese Soviets—Yakhontoff (\$2.75), \$1.35.
17. Chinese Destinies—Smedley (\$3.00), \$1.45.
18. Communism in the United States—Browder, \$1.00.
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25. The Soviets in World Affairs (2 vols., \$10), now both for \$2.00.
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STRUGGLES OF TODAY REFLECT SPIRIT OF FREDERICK DOUGLAS

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in the breast of Frederick Douglass and made him the fighting comrade of Garrison the Abolitionist, and John Brown; that enabled him to face exile twice in England and Canada; that rendered him immune to all personal danger and selfishness, must and will grow and burn in the hearts of the masses of the Negro people. The heroic actions of Angelo Herndon, the young Negro Communist, who has been active in the preparations in the East; the Negro share croppers throughout the South as well as hundreds of other examples show clearly that the spirit of Douglas does live and that soon it will sweep all oppression and exploitation before it.

From the Bay area district in California three delegates are being sent by the local sponsoring committee. This committee has been meeting in Oakland and is composed of some thirty or forty organizations, among which are such prominent groups as the Ministerial Alliance, the California State Federation of Women's Clubs, the International Longshoremen's Association, Local 88-79 and numerous clubs, lodges, and churches.

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RIP TIDES

by LeMae

Ore and Ice on Lake Superior

(A true story of the Great Lakes)

Have you ever heard of a ship sinking because the insurance had almost expired? Kind of far fetched?

It was thirty degrees below zero on the night of November 30, 1906. The S.S. Mataafa lowered herself deep in the icy waters as the last of 10,000 tons of iron ore roared into a well-choked hold. Before the last bit of ore dust had settled on the decks, the old man ordered the lines singled up fore and aft. From across Lake Superior, into the cane where the Mataafa surved sluggish, a howling Nor'easter was whooping up the seas. A Great Lakes sailor knows how quickly a husky breeze can lather up a body of fresh water.

Up in the wheel house the skipper, nervous as a cat, listened in utter silence as the port superintendent spoke: "Never mind the goddam hatches. You've only got a half an hour to swing her around and get her to hell out of here—the insurance expires at midnight, unless you get her out of here before then."

The crew gazed blankly at the yawning hatches and then towards the cold boiling white caps dashing themselves with vicious deliberation against the seawall. "The old man must be crazy," an old timer vouched as the Mataafa at last swung herself clear and pointed towards the icy white mass ahead.

The skipper watched in comfortably anxiety from the warm wheel house as the crew strove desperately to spread the hatch covers.

The first sea broke disdainfully over the low-lying deck and sent two sailors and a hatch cover sprawling in the scuppers. The subsiding water left a sheath of ice on the deck. Another sea, and then another. Icicles hung from the faces of the crew. The cargo had turned to cone shaped mountains of ice as tons of roaring water poured into the open hatches.

Sud'ly the ship screeched crazily. "Watch that damn helm!" The old man rushed towards the hatch covers.

Books and Pamphlets . . .

GREEN HILLS OF AFRICA, By Ernest Hemingway (Charles Scribner's Sons) \$2.50.

(Reviewed by Ella Winter)

Ernest Hemingway, more than any other writer in our generation, summed up for that generation, in simple and telling prose, what it went through and what the Great War and its aftermath meant to it. The Sun Also Rises concentrated the disillusion of the after-war generation in a group of would-be artists and yearners in Paris cafes, drinking themselves into forgetfulness. A Farewell to Arms told the story of the war on the Italian front and the great Italian retreat in which the young soldier Hemingway from Oak Park, Ill., had himself taken part. In this book Hemingway told what war felt like so you couldn't forget it. Then came some books of short stories—Men Without Women and Winter Take Nothing. Nothing standard still maintained the high standard this writer had set for himself. They were mainly stories of inarticulate people, visitors, prizefighters, bullfighters, soldiers, and Hemingway in his lean economical prose gave you a glimpse into inarticulateness.

Then came a long book about bull-fighting. Death in the Afternoon, and many stories about fishing, and skiing, and hunting. Hemingway loves outdoor sport and is well known among deep sea fishermen as a fisherman; many of them don't even know he is a writer. His theory of writing is that you can only write what you know about, and he knows about these sports and cares about them and likes to put down accurately, in as careful and unadorned prose as he can write, just what he feels and what it looks like and what others feel about them.

His latest book is about big

game-hunting in Africa, how the green hills of Africa and her rushing rivers and her grey dawns and warm sunrises look and the feel you get when you go hunting rhinos and buffaloes and kudu and how you react when you have finally shot a kudu and come back to camp to find another has shot a bigger one than you.

But even around the campfire in far Africa, and in the tent at night, Hemingway, being a real artist, can't forget the old world and what is going on in it. He has literary discussions with his wife and friends and they tear the New York critics to pieces and talk about the war (which Hemingway can never get out of his system) and discuss themes for books. He doesn't forget the world back home with its race downhill—. Hemingway is one of the writers who thinks you shouldn't write propaganda in novels, and who doesn't like the term "proletarian writers" but when he saw the drowned vets in Florida, drowned because the Government didn't get them out of their shacks in time with a hurricane coming on, he wrote the greatest prose he's written in eight years. (Who Murdered The Vets—New Masses and Daily Worker).

This book about hunting is probably interesting to hunters, but not very interesting to non-hunters. Most even of the bourgeois critics agree to this. Hemingway is a great writer with a strong literary conscience and he is just now really worried. He is too fine an artist to be reactionary, and he is learning that his readers have rights (the right to ask to be entertained, not bored). If people don't read his books, what's the use of being Ernest Hemingway who has worked like a bird-dog at writing for twenty years? As Robert Forsythe said, Hemingway is writing in a vacuum at present, and the fact is not pleasant for him. It isn't for his readers either, whom he has made aware and expectant of great things from him. He doesn't have to go on disappointing them.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

A Progressive American

By Anthony Birns

Perhaps no man who ever lived has been buried under so deep a tomb of mythical rubbish as the great Civil War president, Abraham Lincoln. Born of pioneer parents, struggling to make a hard living out of the then midwestern wilderness, Lincoln's family, by their lives, represented the front rank of the militant fringe of Americans who were preparing the way for the development of the great capitalist nation then in the making.

When Lincoln was a boy, being

taken further and further westward by his wandering parents,

farming was still by far the most important factor in the economic life of the still unindustrialized North. Lincoln's father was driven westward by land-hunger.

Lincoln grew up understanding the need of the farmer for land, good land, and ever more land,

in a fast-developing country. He belonged to the land-hungry class of Americans. And as the Civil war president he led the struggle, not to free Negro slaves, but to keep open for settlement by multitudes of Northern farmers the vast waiting territories of western and southwestern United States, a land many times larger than many European countries together.

FORWARD STEP

And it is because Lincoln led this struggle for the small farmer, and for the enormously expanding industrial activity of the North which was so tightly bound up with it, that he is the foremost progressive American of his period. American capitalism had to grow, and grow mightily, for only by its development could the increasing numbers of Americans be provided with the goods and services they required. Lincoln fought for American capitalism, the society marked by economic law as the next stage in civilization. For that reason he was the great progressive of the time. The expansion of Negro slavery was the primary obstacle to this irresistible development of capitalism.

Such an explanation of Lincoln's political leadership is by no means Marxisan exaggeration woven into a great man's life so that the militant, progressive Americans of today can claim him for our own. On the contrary, in hundreds of his speeches, letters, writings, and by every act of life, Lincoln made it plain beyond the slightest doubt that he knew that he was the leader of the industrial and agricultural capitalism of the North.

HIS REAL ATTITUDE

"Lincoln freed the slaves," we are told over and over again. But the fact is, indelibly recorded by every documented event of Lincoln's career, and engraved in a thousand histories, that Lincoln spent the best part of his political life fighting for the right of the slave states to retain their system

of

PRINCIPLES OF REVOLT AGAINST TYRANNY WHICH ENDURE TODAY

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundations on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience has shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when long train of abuses and usurpations pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and the fact is not pleasant for him. It isn't for his readers either, whom he has made aware and expectant of great things from him. He doesn't have to go on disappointing them.

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The Historic Significance of The Great Emancipator



LABOR IN A BLACK SKIN

of slave labor. Listen to what Lincoln himself said in 1855: "I now do no more than oppose the extension of slavery." And as late as 1860, the year before his election as President: "Republican doctrines and declarations are accompanied with a continual protest against any interference whatever with your slaves, or with you about your slaves." Lincoln strongly supported the Fugitive Slave Law, by which escaped slaves were returned from hands of their Southern masters. These statements of Lincoln could be multiplied a thousand-fold from his published works. Even the Emancipation Proclamation, written months before it was issued, freeing the Negro slaves, was admitted by Lincoln many times to be a strategic move to strengthen the then depressed military position and morale of the North. 130,000 Negroes joined the Northern armies as fighters and laborers, and the South was further crippled economically. The emancipation took place two full years after the start of the Civil War, soon enough before a presidential election to win the needed military victories that restored Northern support for the despairing war president, and to insure his re-election.

TWO SOCIAL ORDERS

Yet this bloodshed, and the unprecedented carnage of the war itself, had to be. The triumph of wage-slavery over bond-slavery had to come, in order for the day of the wage slave to be prepared. Lincoln's proclamation, had it come at the start of the war, would have saved thousands of lives and greatly shortened the conflict; but to the last Lincoln held to his belief in the right of the Southern Negro slavery.

But a better understanding of the meaning and scope of the terrible war than Lincoln had is found in Marx's writings of 1861, at the beginning of the struggle. Marx alone understood the implications of Southern victory. He wrote: "... the war of the Southern Confederacy is, in the exact sense of the word, a war of conquest for the expansion and Northern states back into the perpetuation of slavery... the political leaders (of the South) did not try so much to prove the NEGRO slavery is justified as rather that the color is immaterial in the matter and that the

working class everywhere is created for slavery..." And Marx goes on to show that by its strategic advantage gained by victorious possession of rivers, harbors, etc. in the disputed territory, the North would be stilled, and there would take place "a reorganization of the Union on the basis of slavery, under the acknowledged control of the slave holding oligarchy."

IF SOUTH HAD WON

Such a course of history was actually anticipated by leaders of the South at the Montgomery Convention of the Confederacy, early in the war. Marx concludes: "In the Northern states... the white working class would gradually be pressed down to the level of helotism. This corresponds entirely to the loudly proclaimed principle that only certain races are capable of freedom; and just as the actual labor in the South is (was) the lot of the Negro, so in the North it is the lot of the German and Irishman and their direct descendants." As today also the Italian, Filipino, and other suppressed minority races now living in this country.

Capitalism, the historic forerunner of Socialism, could not have developed under such conditions. As the leader who helped us from this darker return to feudalism, and gave the necessary impetus to the society to come, Lincoln must be acknowledged the great progressive American of his age. The Lincolns of today, the progressive Americans of the present, will have to be on our side—the side of today's progress toward a socialist society, the only society that can give us what we are now, under capitalism, able to produce.

REVOLUTIONARY CRY IN '76—

"WHY STAND WE HERE IDLE?"

"If we wish to be free; if we wish to preserve inviolate those inestimable privileges for which we have been so long contending; if we mean not basely to abandon the struggle, in which we have been so long engaged, and which we have pledged ourselves never to abandon until the glorious object of our contest shall be obtained, we must fight! I repeat it; we must fight! . . .

"The war is inevitable! And let it come! I repeat it, sir, LET IT COME! . . .

"Gentlemen may cry 'Peace, peace!' but there is no peace! The war has actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the North will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field. Why stand we here idle? What is that the gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life too dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, GIVE ME LIBERTY, OR GIVE ME DEATH!"

"The American people have a revolutionary tradition adopted by the representatives of the American proletariat, who gave repeated expression to their full solidarity with us, the Bolsheviks. This tradition is the war of liberation against the English in the 18th and the Civil War in the 19th century. If we are to only to consider the "destruction" of some branches of industry and national economy, America in 1870 was in some respects behind 1860. But what a pedant, what an idiot is he who denies on such grounds the greatest, world-historic, progressive and revolutionary significance of the American Civil War of 1861-1865!

"Representatives of the bourgeoisie understand that it was worth letting the country go through long years of civil war, to strengthen my conviction."

—Patrick Henry

Ahe you circulating collection lists among your fellow workers for support of the \$7500 Western Worker drive?

Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

Trusting that I may hear from you, I am
Comradely yours,
A. H.

ANSWER—The eyes of the working class throughout the world are turning more and more toward the U.S.S.R. with hope and confidence. Workers believe that nothing is impossible in that land of giants. Those who are chronically sick also believe that they would find salvation from their pain and misery in the U.S.S.R.

It is true that the Soviets are carrying on an intensive campaign against mental disease, just as they are carrying on a campaign against all evils that are afflicting the human race. However, their scientists have no better weapons for such a campaign than douts. The difference is that these weapons are used in the U.S.S.R. and are not in this country.

Treatment of mental disease is carried on in much the same manner and with the same sort of facilities as in this country. It is in the prevention of nervous ailments that Soviet medicine shines. It is generally recognized today that nervous and mental diseases are brought on, in people who have an hereditary foundation for them, by outside influences. These may be bad home life, business strain, fear of all sorts due to economic uncertainty, overwork, unhealthy surroundings, spats with the better half, alcoholism, etc. These are conditions which are being rapidly wiped out by the Soviets. This has led to such rapid disappearance of mental disease in that country.

Do you believe that until I am sufficiently restored in health that the Russian consul here could be approached and the way paved for consideration of my case by the medical division in Russia. Gee! to be given an opportunity for a possible cure of my condition!

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Because of the complicated nature of my case, I was planning, though with great reluctance, to submit myself to a state hospital. Upon restoration to normality I certainly would like to go to Russia.

If a cure can be attained I shall return once again to active participation in the movement. On the other hand, for financial reasons, that is, inability to meet the recurring condition, perhaps I could fit myself in Russia.

I feel extremely uncomfortable as regards my future prospects—if you understand what I mean.

WE WOMEN WORKERS

CONDUCTED BY MARJORIE CRANE

UNITY AT HOME

In answer to the comrade who asked me why her daughter was so reactionary in her attitude, I suggested this possibility:

Many children reaching their teens have a strong desire to identify themselves with those around them. They want to become part of the group. They want to dress like the others do, say the same things as those around them, and they themselves are intolerant of any variations from the norm. They resent anything in their home that marks them as different from their school fellows.

This girl lives in a small town. Her people are known as radicals. She feels she is left out of things at school because of this. Her mother tells me that she prepared a party and invited the girls in her class—and not one came.

When she gets older and comes into the class struggle, her attitude will very probably change. The phrases that she heard at home will begin to take on reality; they will fit into the pattern of life as she finds it. The rapid radicalization of the working class is already removing the exceptional character of her parents' attitude.

I think if her parents would make an effort to bring into their circle parents of children of their daughter's age; if they would be a little more tolerant of her conservatism and see whence it comes, the distance between them might be gradually bridged.

Our children have to be won over, too.

THAT LAST WORD

A farm wife arose again: "Yes, but we women have a program to broadcast and you guys produce only static. Set down and let someone talk who has something to say!"—(From the Farm Woman in Farmers National Weekly.) YES, YES, GO ON COLUMN

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt advises: "Own your own home; be interested in better housing."</

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Why We Support The Demand for a Congressional Investigation

Many objections were raised on the floor of the San Francisco Central Labor Council and in the Sailors' Union against the Congressional investigation demanded by the District Council of the Maritime Federation. Some of these objections were raised sincerely, some were not. Some of the arguments given were that the unions don't want government interference; that an investigation might be turned against the maritime unions; that it would result in unfavorable arbitration, etc. If all this were true, why is it that the shipowners are fighting desperately against any such investigation, and are utilizing all possible pressure in Washington to kill it?

The maritime unions have not asked for an investigation by the Department of Labor, or the Department of Justice, or an "impartial committee" of the entire maritime situation. They have made charges that the shipowners planned to repudiate their agreements, institute a lock-out, and use vigilante terrorism to smash the unions. They have demanded a PUBLIC INVESTIGATION of this conspiracy by a Congressional Committee.

Such a committee could delve into these charges, examine the minutes and records of the employers' secret conferences where this plot was hatched and would be forced to bring to light the evidence to corroborate the charges of the maritime unions that the shipowners are deliberately attempting to provoke a struggle on the waterfront which would give them the excuse to declare a lock-out. The unions have nothing to hide in such an investigation; the shipowners have. The Congressional Committee would be forced to hear and make public the evidence presented by the unions, regardless of how favorable the committee might want to be to the employers. That's why the employers fear such an investigation.

The timely exposure by the Maritime Federation has already forced the shipowners to modify their plans, and postpone the "show-down" they are aiming to provoke.

They are now attempting to provoke a struggle with the I.L.A. by trying to increase the loads and the speed-up. The longshoremen will not allow themselves to be provoked, but if the employers continue this line of attack they will meet the determined resistance of the longshoremen, backed by the Maritime Federation.

The solidarity of all maritime unions, and the support of Organized Labor will defeat the employers' conspiracy.

SUPREME COURT IS PEOPLE'S ENEMY—DEBS

"The arch-enemy of the people is the Supreme Court of the United States. Each of its nine members is a skilfully trained and highly successful corporation attorney, and each secured his appointment through the influence of corporate wealth. This court of last resort, with powers greater than any other court on earth, is the citadel of capitalism, behind which are entrenched the powers that rob labor, corrupt politics and enslave and degrade the people."—Eugene V. Debs, article in Nov. 25, 1909, issue of Amalgamated Journal, organ of Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.

MINE WORKERS DONATE \$2,000 TO NEWS GUILD

SHOWS CONFIDENCE IN
"POWER TO ENDURE"

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Signifying its appreciation of the American Newspaper Guild's "power to endure," the United Mine Workers of America, through its president, John L. Lewis, has donated \$2,000 to the newswriters' union's drive for funds to wipe out debts and establish a new defense fund.

The major strikes, coupled with a long drawn out case against the Associated Press, had practically depleted the resources of the guild. Possibility of more labor conflicts in the city rooms of the nation's great newspapers, resulting from a publishers' drive to smash the union and kill the 5-day week, had spurred guild officials into the money drive.

Dance Given By Communist Units To Aid "Western"

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—Determined to show that experimental organizational form can bring results, Communist Party units A-5, A-6 and A-11 of the Downtown Sub-section, which have amalgamated for a six-weeks experimental period, will stage a Valentine's Night party for the benefit of the Western Worker on Feb. 14th, from 8 p.m. until late in the evening, at the Cultural Center, 230 South Spring street.

The experimental unit has issued tickets of admission for 10 cents, but will charge 15 cents at the door. Several thousand leaflets, in valentine form, have been issued, bearing the slogan: "Our Sweetheart's the Western Worker."

The experimental unit has worked as librarian in the Workers' Library in the Cultural Center.

Communist Party members in the Los Angeles Section, in particular, will remember Lin as a devoted and capable comrade.

REVOLUTIONARY ARTIST DIES IN L. A. HOSPITAL

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—Suffering from tuberculosis and semi-starvation, Kenneth Lin, a member of the Communist Party for a number of years, died here last Tuesday in the General Hospital.

Known to thousands of Los Angeles workers through his activity and loyal devotion to the working class movement, this Chinese comrade was a talented artist and made many revolutionary posters and paintings.

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Party Life DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Communists Must Be On Common Ground With Masses

The warning is well sounded, but the logic faulty. History is not altered or shaped by the death of a single man. The crowned head of England remains an impotent figure as before.

The power of present British politics lies firmly in the hands of British capitalism. These special interests were leaning in the direction of fascism and covertly negotiating with Nazi Germany long before the death of George V. The coronation of the new King merely creates a public spectacle to distract the mind of the mass and an opportunity to bring this fascist tendency into the open.

The sentimental popularity of Edward VII makes him an ideal sales person to introduce the swastika to Britain. He has no more power than his father had. But British capitalism, by all indications, intends to make more practical use of him.

The press of Britain is fostering the idea that with the new King a new era of justice to the lower classes will dawn on the empire. It is a soothsaying illusion, but truth is that the reality of Britain is no more altered when the empire changes its King than when the King changes his shoes.

A Month's Hard Work Ahead In the Western Worker Drive

Within a month the workers of the West Coast must raise \$3,380.61 if the drive for a \$7500 Sustaining Fund for the Western Worker is to be successful.

That \$7500 will accomplish a number of things. First, it will guarantee that you will get your Western Worker throughout 1936 without any hitches because of financial difficulties. Secondly, the paper can be expanded to eight pages, with more pictures, better type and other technical improvements. Thirdly, it will clear the way for a thorough drive for increased circulation. With properly organized effort we can double our present circulation and probably treble the influence of this paper.

Those sections with drive funds on hand should send them in immediately. All sections must realize that no time can be lost if they are to fulfill their quotas. A month is scarcely time to organize and hold a successful affair which would raise funds for the drive.

Among the thousands of readers of the Western Worker there are undoubtedly many who intend to contribute but who have been postponing the buying of a money order,—(or the pasting of a dime to a sheet of cardboard). These we urge to address an envelope and rush in their contributions.

The workers on the West Coast can't afford to not make the drive a success.

An eight-page Western Worker, with greater circulation is too great a weapon in the struggle for a higher living standard for us to let it go.

"Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration."—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

TOWNSENDITES

Let those who undertake educational work in the mass organizations make sure that they are really interested, really inspired and willing, and able to further the interests of their adopted group. For instance, in the coming campaign amongst the Townsendites, Party comrades must really want the old people to receive their \$200 per month. They must join forces with these militant old workers and protect them against the treachery of the monopolies and machinations of the Supreme Court.

They must take advantage of every device in order to prove to the Townsendites that we are in favor of their getting the \$200 per month. This is an instance of a point of common interest which will involve the Townsendites along wider fronts with their natural leaders, the Communists.

Common ground, common language, common interests and a common experience—these are secrets of our United Front work. This will also make it much easier for us to bring the best forces from these organizations in to our Party.

—By Agit Prop.
Boyle Heights Sub-sec.

San Francisco Section

Communist Party

Dear Comrades:

The East Bay Section challenges San Francisco Section to socialist competition in the ensuing campaign to increase the Party membership to 40,000 before the National Convention.

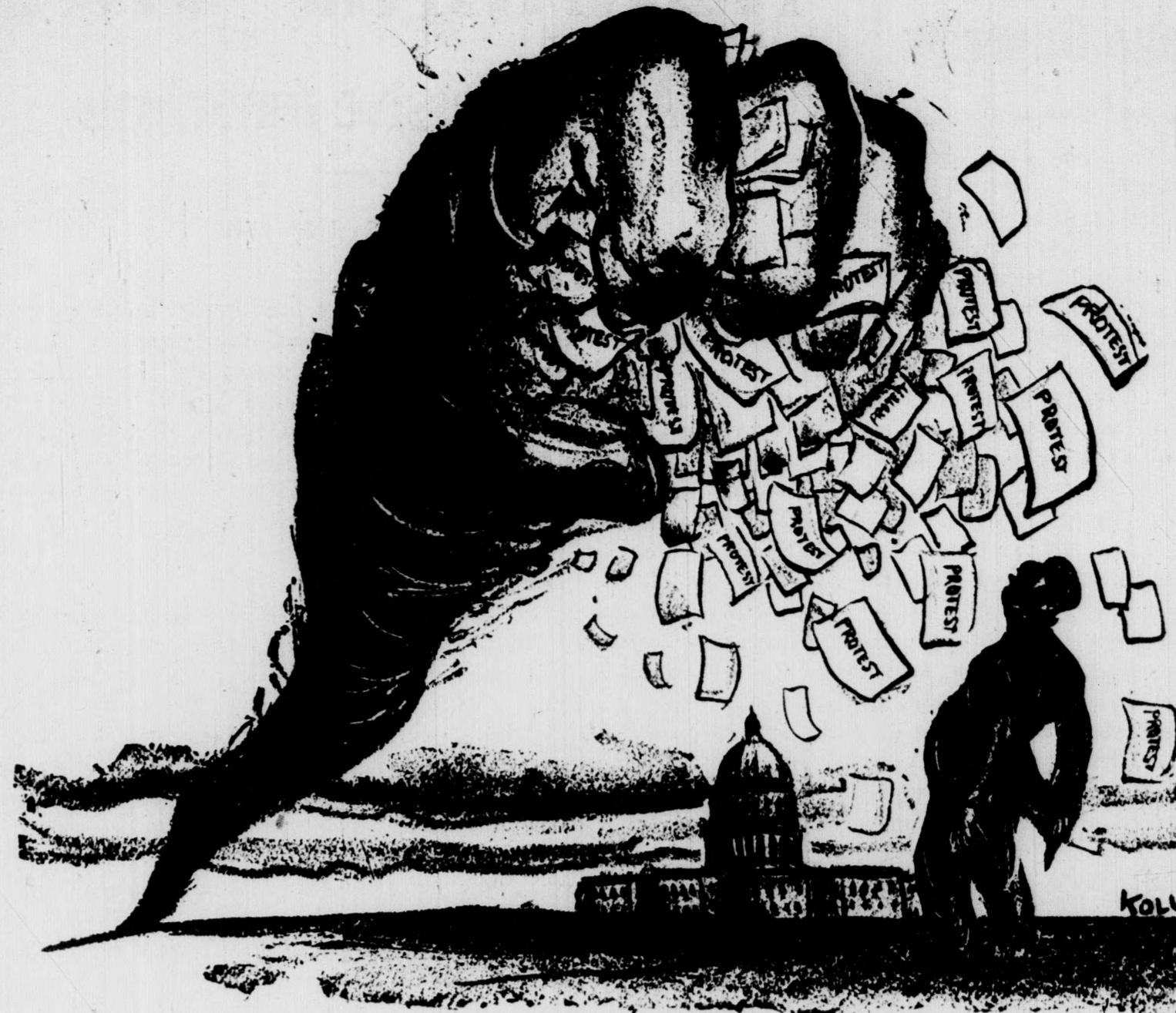
We will fulfill our quota to 50 new members against S. F. 100 new recruits.

We will overfulfill our quota to a greater extent than San Francisco.

Comradely,
East Bay Section
Communist Party

Last week the State of North Carolina awarded the sum of \$15 to Woodrow Shropshire, Negro worker, for the loss of his legs as the result of torture in a prison camp.

DEMAND FREEDOM OF THE C. S. PRISONERS



Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

Ancient King Dionysius of Syracuse was the inventor of capitalist politics. His method, when talking business with an associate was to seat him in a chair with a sword hanging over his head suspended by a single human hair. This was calculated to put the associate in a reasonable frame of mind.

Modern capitalist governments have greatly enlarged the practice without altering the principle. Today no capitalist power would consider conferring with another on a point of dispute without first mobilizing troops on the opponent's border and cruising their navies in circles around their associate's colonies. The presence of the sword carries more weight than the words of the diplomats and precludes the necessity of logic in their arguments.

SMALL NATIONS

Small nations are pathetically impotent in the field of international politics. They have neither armies nor navies of sufficient strength to hang on a hair over the opponent's head.

URUGUAY

Uruguay made a recent bold attempt to substitute her delicatessen for warships and bulldoze the Soviet Union into making a deal under threat of indigestion. The method used was to suspend 200 tons of cheese over the Soviets' head.

AWFUL PROSPECT

Strange as the maneuver was, it did not lack shrewdness. Any one who has ever eaten three or four cheese sandwiches before going to bed at night will realize 200 tons of cheese is equivalent to a nightmare more terrible than the canoodling of a powerful battle fleet.

Soviet commissars did not flinch in the face of the indigestible avalanche. They refused to deal, so Uruguay broke off relations charging the Soviets with fomenting revolutions within her borders.

HEART PLEASED

Newspapers of the world seized the story eagerly and spread it over their pages. Scandal! Disgrace! Treachery! Discredit to the Soviets! It made fine copy for Hearst.

Later the matter was brought up before the League of Nations. Under the league covenant, Uruguay could not legally break relations with another member nation without due consideration by all.

The Uruguayan delegate relieved him self of an abstract trade against Communism in general, refused to present proof of the charge, and sat down wiping his brow.

SOVIET REPLY

The Soviet Delegate, Maxim Litvinov, then calmly presented documents and telegrams showing that Uruguay had tried to deport an arrested anarchist into the Soviet Union. The Soviets refused. The President of Uruguay then proposed that if the Soviets would purchase 200 tons of cheese, he would call everything off relations.

THE RECORD

Litvinov calmly retorted that the whole history of Uruguay was an uninterrupted series of internal disorders, risings, mutinies, revolutions, conspiracies, uprisings and coups d'état.

To support this, he quoted directly from the Encyclopedia Britannica: "After the Declaration of Independence the history of Uruguay became a record of intrigues, financial ruin, and political folly and crime."

He read off a list of fifteen uprisings in the past fifty years in Brazil and twelve in Uruguay and underlined that both their present presidents had come to power by uprisings.

He concluded: "Does really the history of the Brazilians or Uruguayans lead us to believe they can be in need of guidance from outsiders in the art of uprisings?"

The capitalist press of the world quickly lost interest in the affair and, aside from vague references to "some kind" of settlement, failed to report the League incident. There were a few exceptions, notably the "New York Times."